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BE BEAR AWARE

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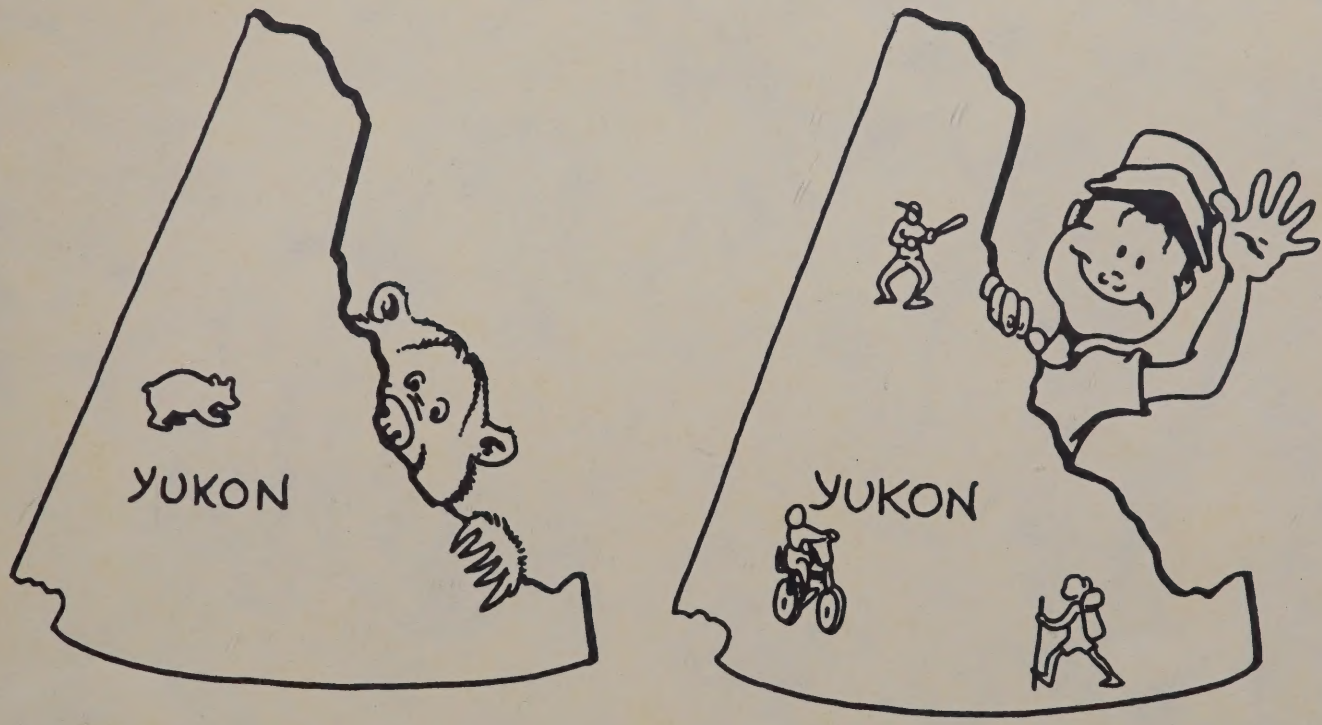
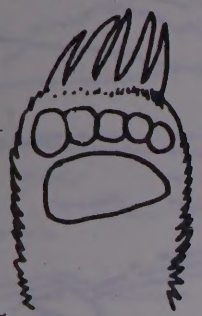
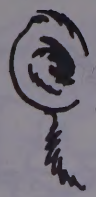
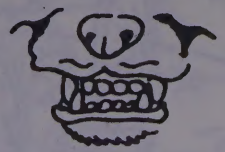
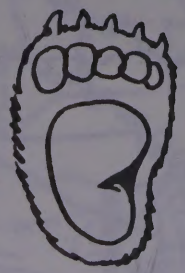
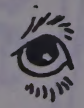
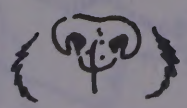
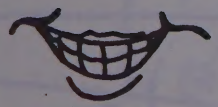
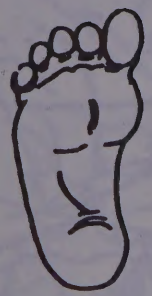


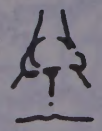
as PEOPLE in Yukon,

but people are a lot easier to see.

Are bears a lot like people?

Bears have



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People have

Draw a line joining the parts of bears and the parts of people that are the same.

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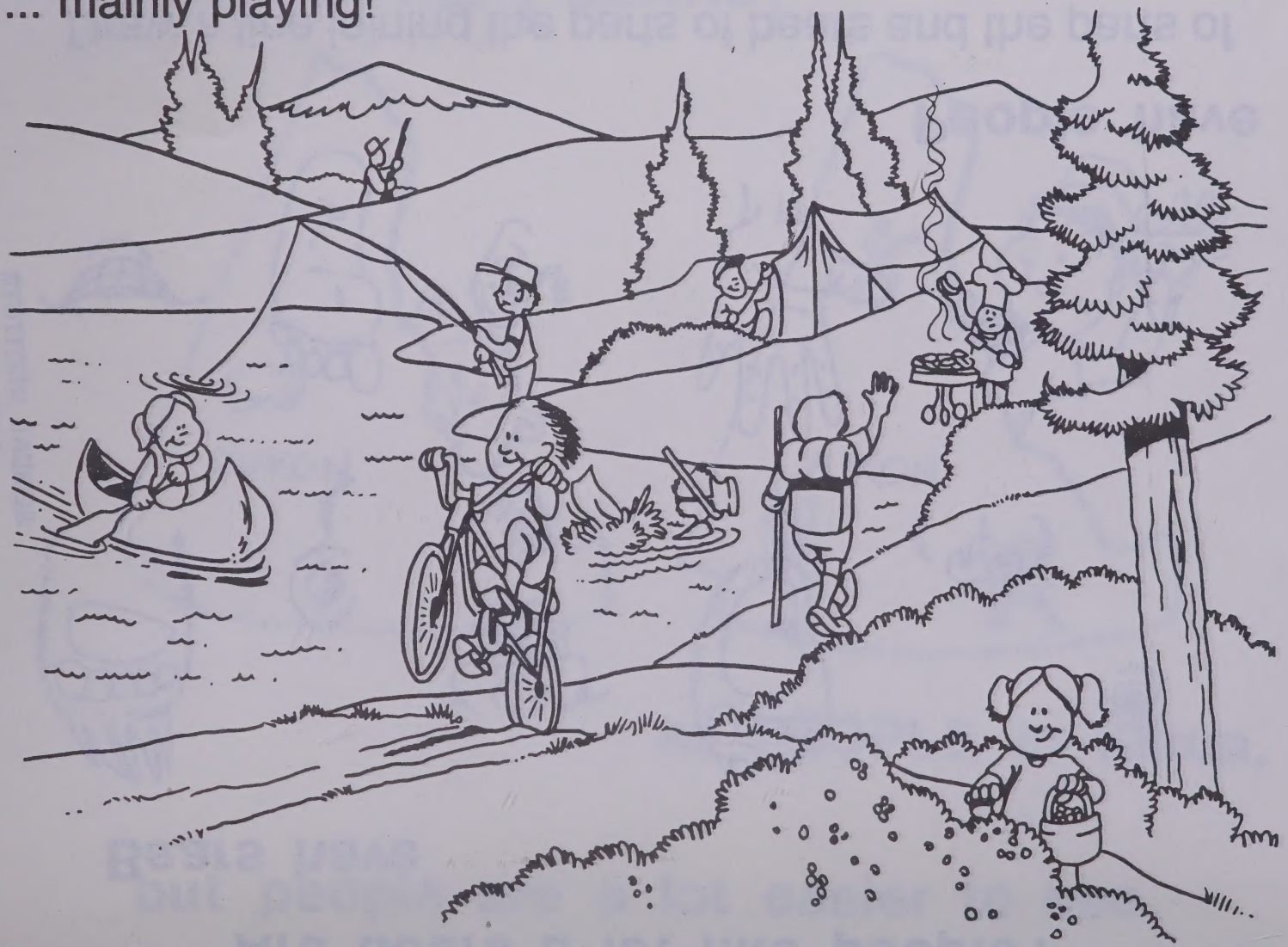
What do people like doing?
... mainly playing!



Colour what you like doing best.

What do bears like doing?
... mainly eating!

Bears eat most of their food in late summer and fall.

THE SAFE BEAR ... is a distant bear.

THE DANGEROUS BEAR ... is a close bear.

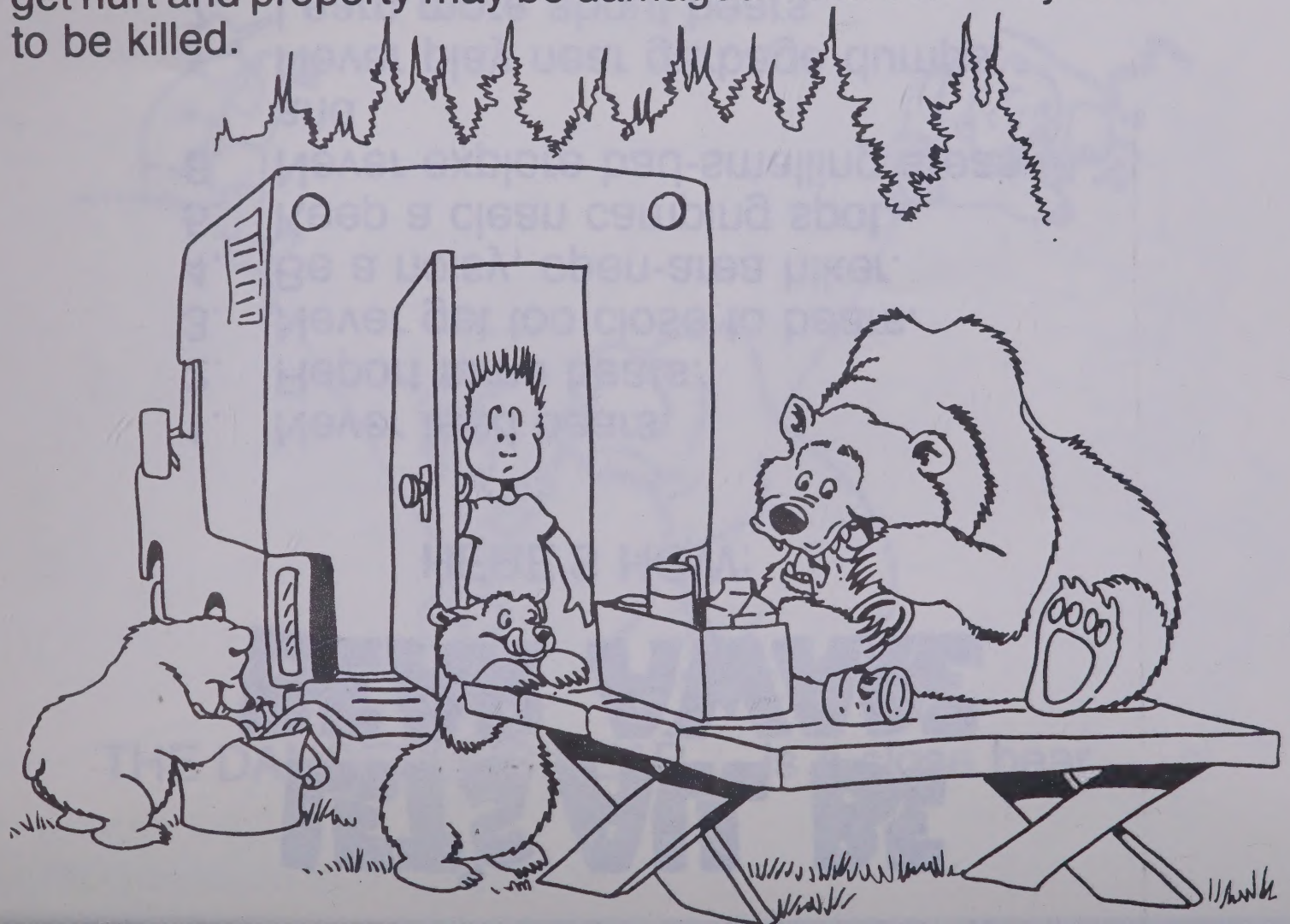
LET'S ALL BE BEAR AWARE

HERE'S HOW:

1. Never feed bears.
2. Report tame bears.
3. Never get too close to bears.
4. Be a noisy, open-area hiker.
5. Keep a clean camping spot.
6. Never explore bad-smelling areas and
   Never play near garbage dumps.
7. Learn more about bears.

1. NEVER FEED BEARS

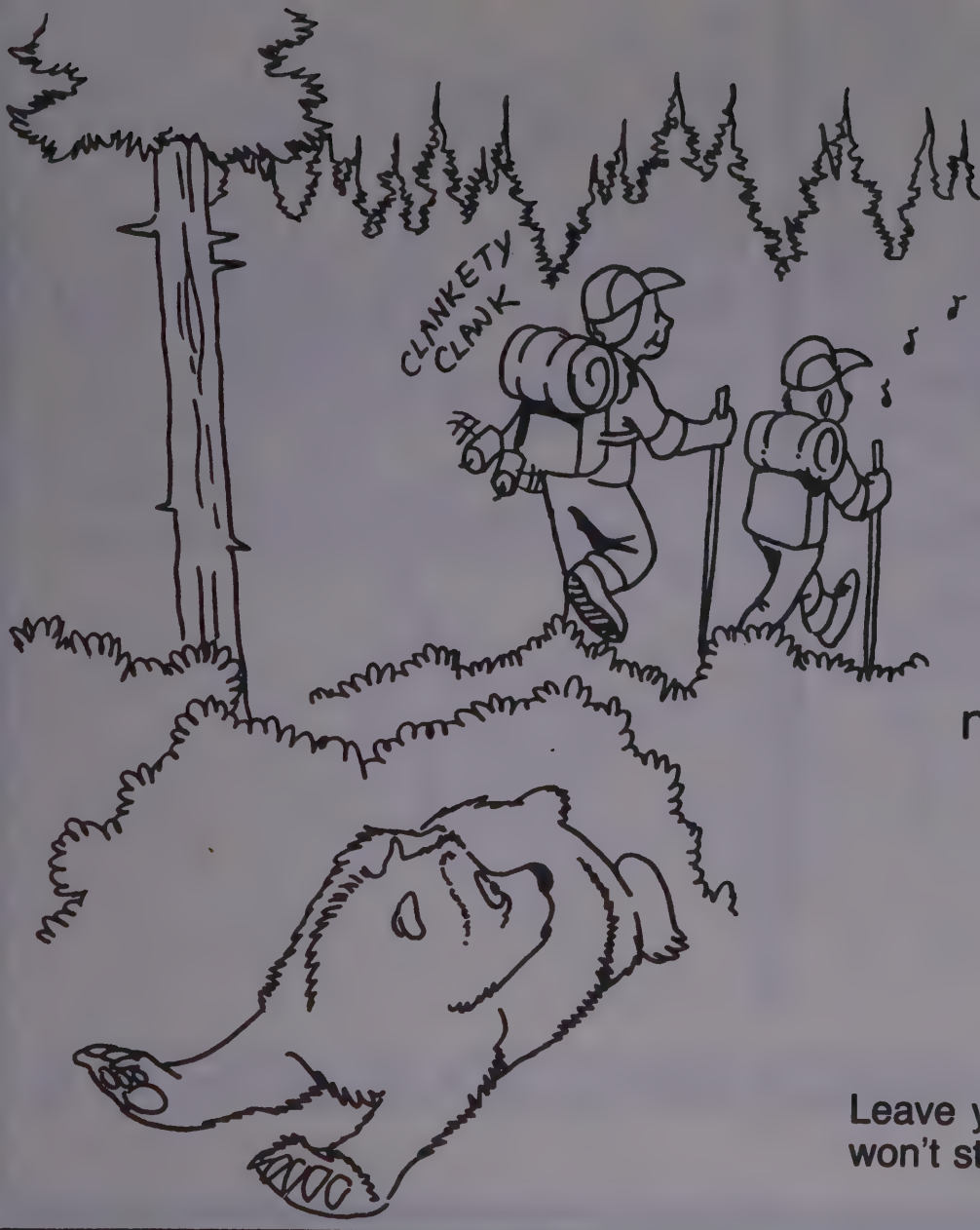
When a bear learns to expect food near people, people may get hurt and property may be damaged. That bear may have to be killed.



2. REPORT TAME BEARS

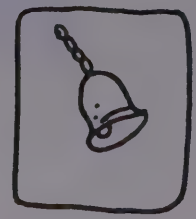
3. NEVER GET TOO CLOSE TO A BEAR.

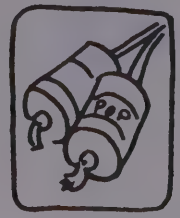
Is that you taking the picture?



4. BE A NOISY, OPEN-AREA HIKER

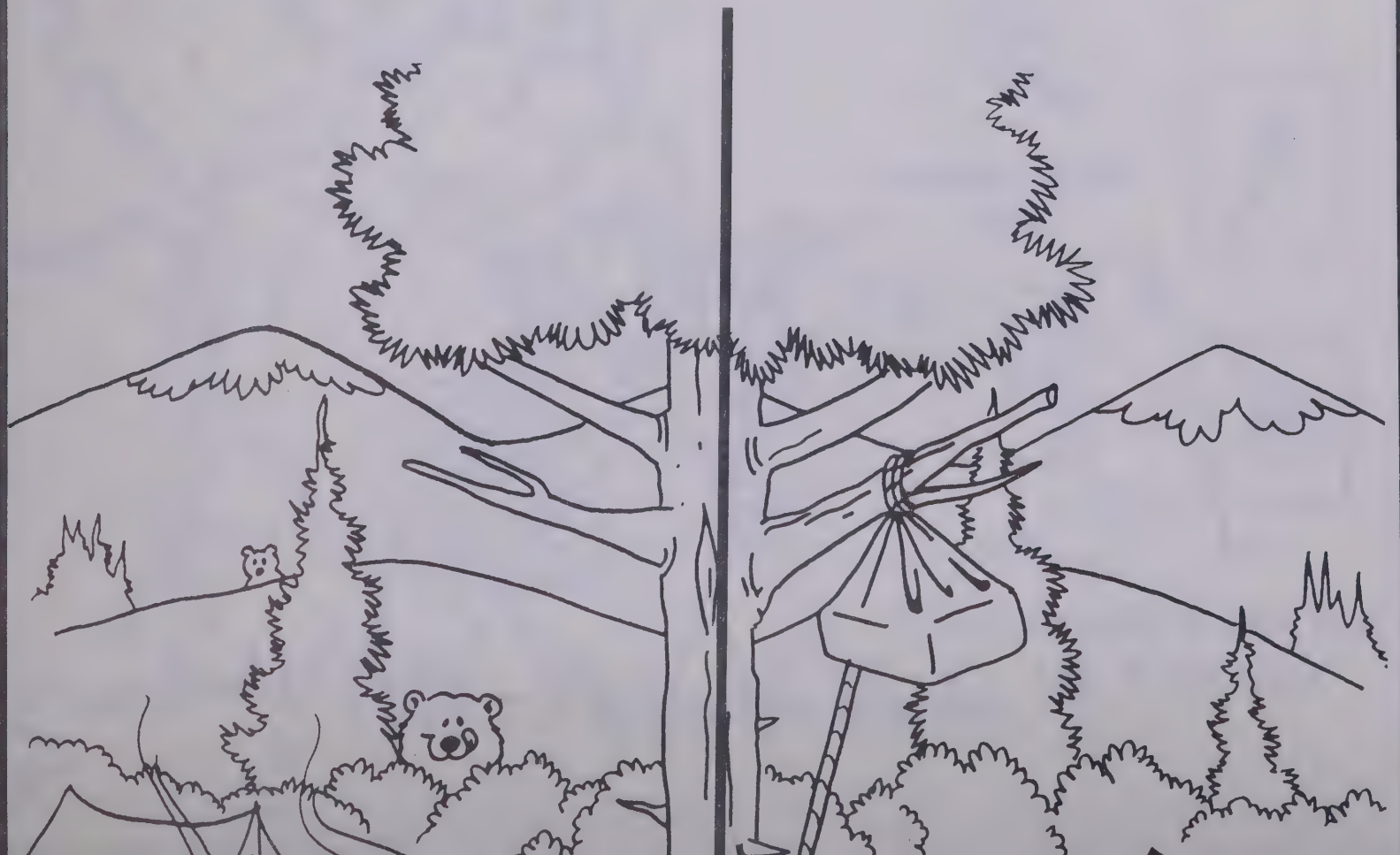
Use noisemakers

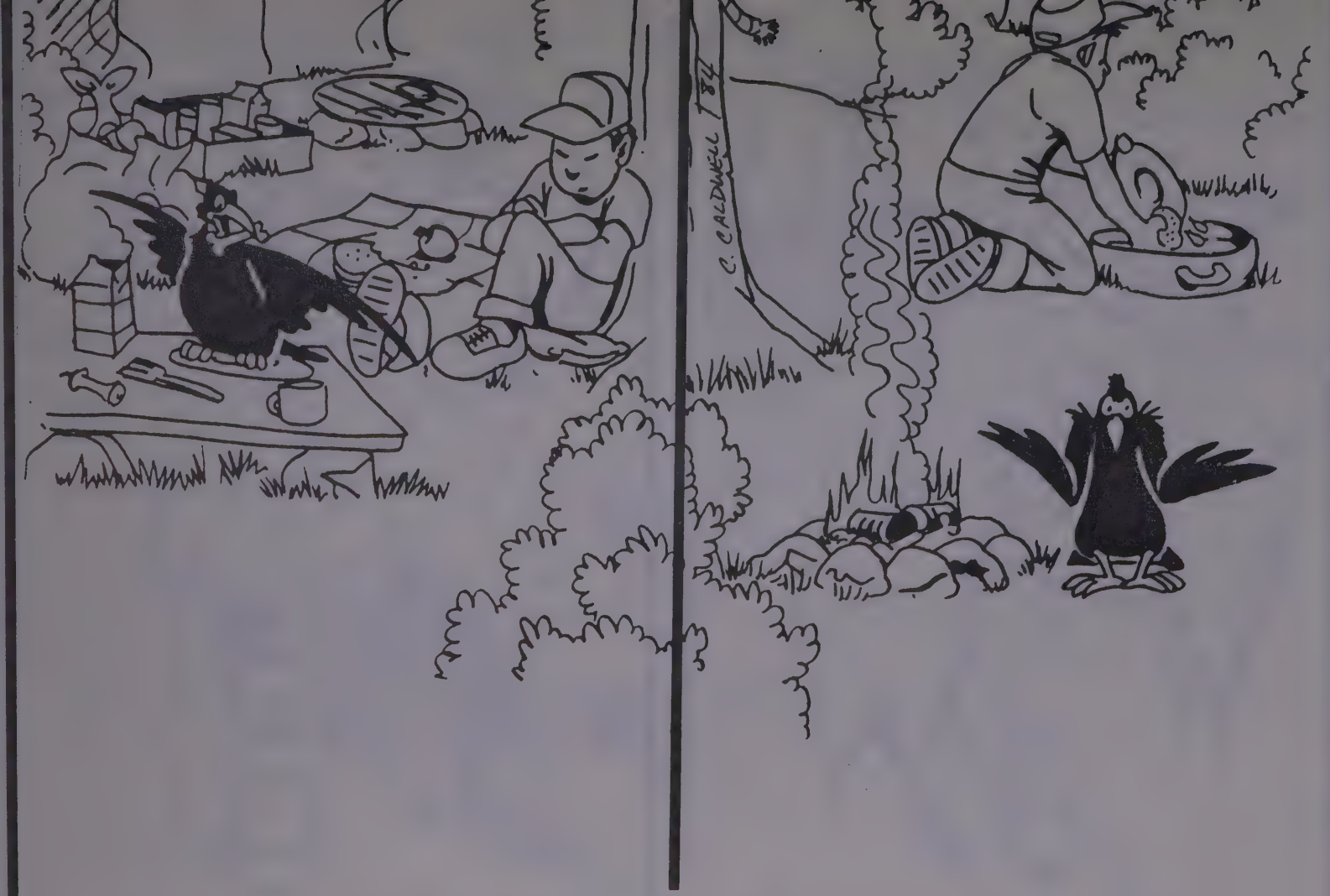




Leave your pet dog at home if he won't stay close beside you.

5. KEEP A CLEAN CAMPING SPOT





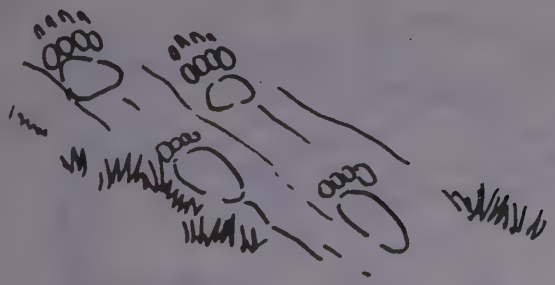
Which kind of camper are you?

6. NEVER PLAY NEAR GARBAGE DUMPS

NEVER EXPLORE BAD-SMELLING AREAS

7. LEARN MORE ABOUT BEARS

By watching for ... and ... by using



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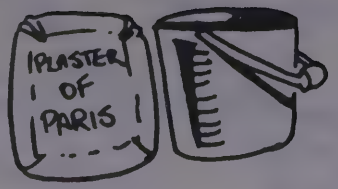

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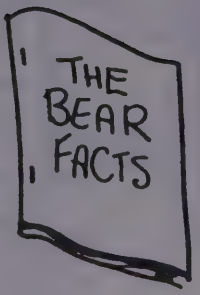
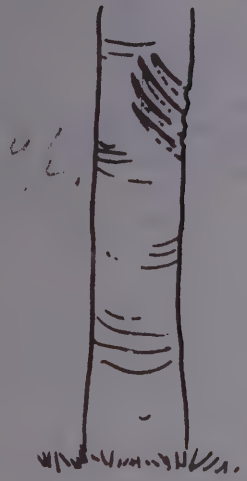
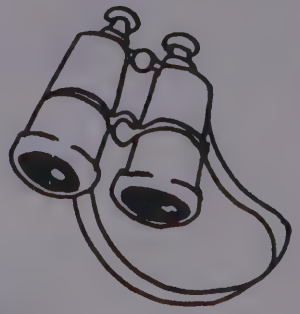




marking trees

overturned logs and rocks



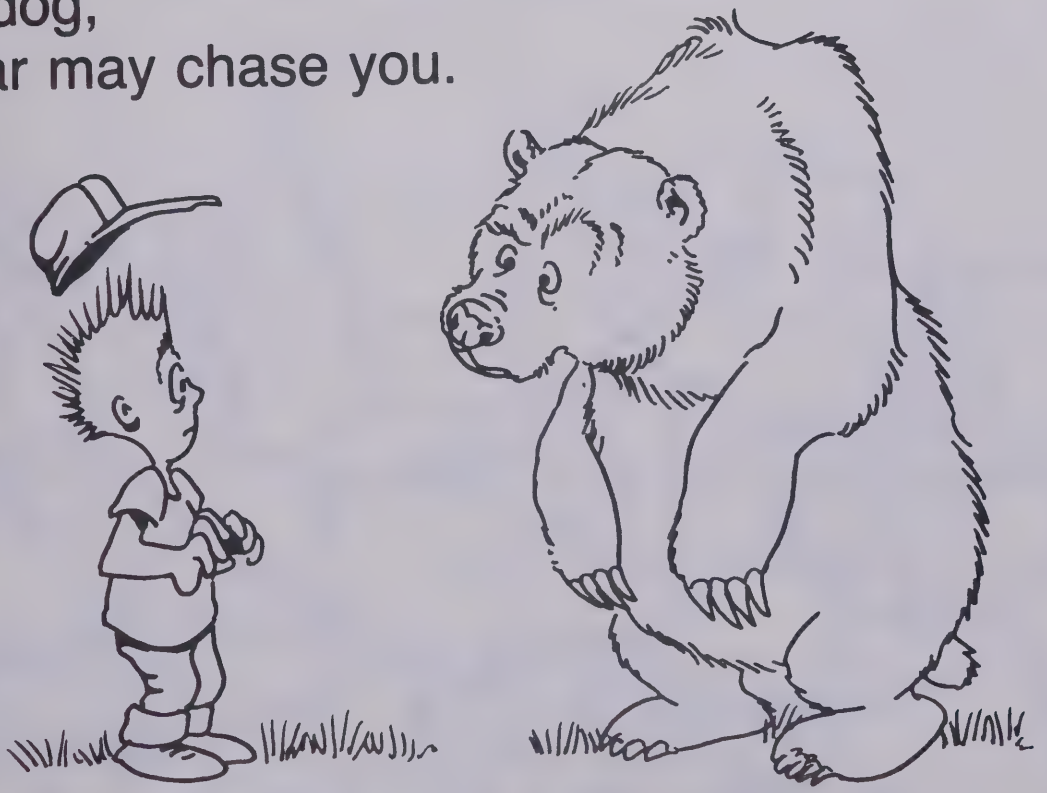
Put an X where you see trouble.

Colour in the safe habits.

If a bear surprises you up close ...

DON'T TURN AND RUN

Like a dog,
the bear may chase you.



Since the bear can't see very well, he may come closer, stand upright or circle around you to get your scent.

Talk and wave your arms slowly. Try to help the bear figure out what you are.

His answer might be in bear talk

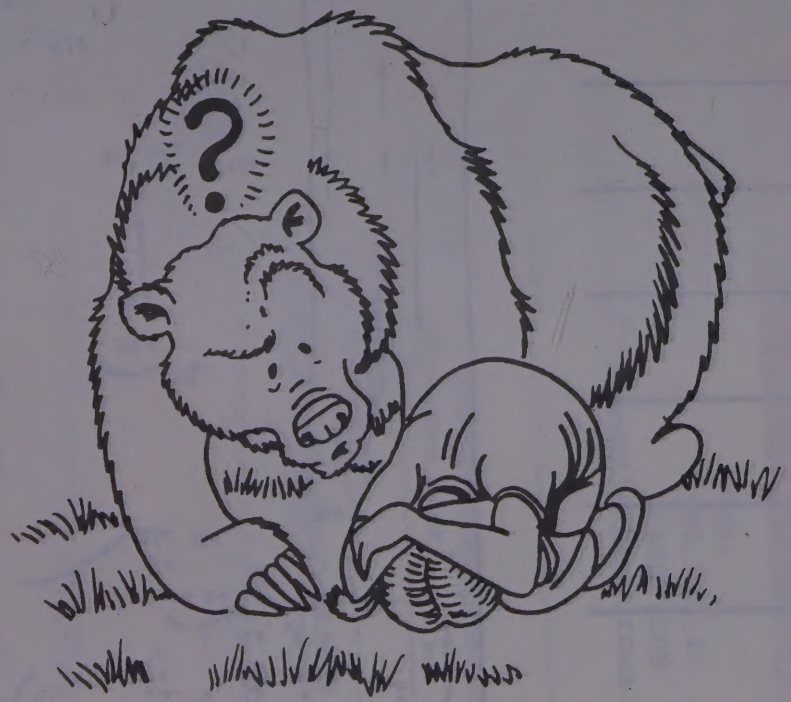
... (popping his teeth, huffing and growling)
... telling you to go away.

DON'T TALK BACK!

Leave slowly, ... always facing the bear.

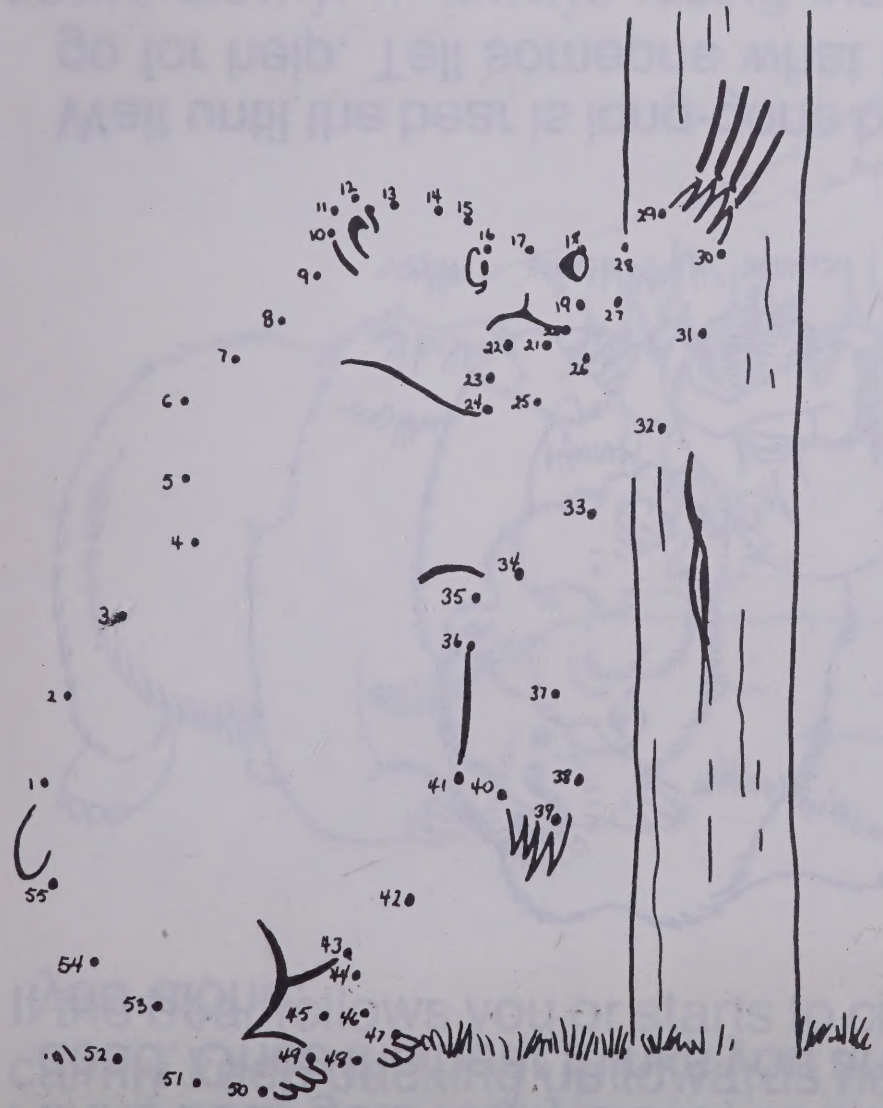
If the bear follows you or starts to circle you, slowly but calmly keep backing up towards help, or maybe into a lake.

If the bear gets really close, lie down, curl up and play dead. Once the bear thinks you are dead he may leave you alone.



Wait until the bear is long-gone before you get up and go for help. Tell someone what happened.

Connect the dots from 1 - 55.



Tell what is happening in your picture.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE 7 RULES OF BEAR SAFETY?

1. Never _____ bears.
2. Report _____ bears.
3. Never get too _____ to bears.
4. Be a _____, _____-_____ hiker.
5. Keep a _____ camping spot.
6. Never explore _____-_____ areas

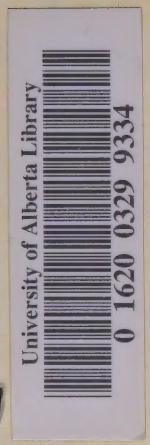
   or

   Never play near _____.
7. Learn more about _____.

Fill in the blanks using these words:

close **open-area** **clean** **bears** **feed**

garbage **dumps** **noisy** **bad-smelling** **tame**



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